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And here's hoping that each day of the coming year will be one of happiness and prosperity.
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SKETCHES FROM LIFE --By Temple

"More Trade Expected"

**BUSINESS SUSPENDED
AT ALL STATE OFFICES**

Capitol and Library to Remain Closed Until Monday Morning.

GOVERNOR STUART GOES NORTH
Officials Scatter to All Sections of State to Join Their Families Over Holidays—Col. Button and Major Cheatwood on Hunting Trip.

Business was suspended in all State offices yesterday at the close of office hours, and the Capitol and State Library Buildings will not be reopened until Monday morning. Officers and employees of all departments of the State Government are to enjoy an extra holiday this year. Governor Stuart having directed the closing of all offices on Saturday.

The Governor will spend Christmas Day with his family in Brookline, Mass. He left for the North Wednesday night. His secretary, Alexander Forward, will go to Newport News this morning to spend Christmas with his father, who resides in the Shipbuilding City.

Judge Robert R. Prentiss, of the State Commission, left for his home in Suffolk yesterday afternoon, where he will remain until after the holidays. Judge Ethen and Judge Wingfield, his associates, have their homes in Richmond and will remain in the city for the holidays. Clerk Richard T. Wilson, of the commission, also a Richmonder, will remain in the city, while the commission's bookkeeper, D. H. Drugg, goes to North Carolina to spend the Yuletide with friends in Catawba and C. G. Wheatleigh to his home in Alexandria.

COL. BUTTON AND MAJOR CHEATWOOD GO HUNTING

Colonel Joseph Button, State Commissioner of Insurance, accompanied by Major "Chet" Cheatwood, both heavily burdened with guns, ammunition, game bags and other hunting accoutrements, left on an early afternoon train for Appomattox yesterday, where they will spend the holidays on Colonel Button's farm shooting.

Most of the State officials not residing at distant points in the Commonwealth left yesterday for home and few will return until Monday morning. The State buildings will be open to visitors Friday, Governor Stuart having directed that such employees as may be necessary to look after the convenience of the public be kept on duty.

INSPECTING SCHOOLS

State Board of Health Launches New Campaign for Children.

To ascertain health conditions among the school children of Virginia, the State Board of Health will begin medical inspections January 1, which will carry the examining physicians into every public school in the State.

The examinations are to be made with a view to improving health conditions, and will mark the opening of a new campaign of education along public health lines. Washington County has been selected as the place for beginning the investigations. A week will be spent in that county by the medical examiners. The week following they will visit the schools in Charlottesville. Other counties and cities will be taken up in turn. Announcement of the plans of the State Health Board in this connection are made in the weekly bulletin of the department, which was issued yesterday.

**SNOW ADDS COLOR TO
BUSY HOLIDAY SCENE**

Thousands of Related Shoppers Make Day Busiest One of Present Season.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EVE
Noise and Fun Begins in Afternoon, and Increases in Volume Each Hour—Extra Police Keep Crowd in Bounds.

Swirling snowflakes added real Christmas color to the holiday scene yesterday on Broad Street, when thousands of related shoppers thronged the gift emporiums and emerged with bulging pockets and arms laden down with purchases. There was no let-up in the mad eleven-hour rush until late at night, and drooping clerks and altered counters attested the fact that it was one of the largest and busiest days in the history of local stores.

Gifts were not the only purchases made yesterday. Markets, green groceries and dealers in the staple lines were literally swamped with shoppers, delivery wagons worked well up to midnight carrying out the materials for the Christmas dinners of thousands of Richmonders. Every line of business in the retail section shared in the general prosperity, even to the barber shops, for many a man treated himself to a haircut, shampoo, massage and shave as a Christmas present.

NOVELTIES OF SEASON IN GREAT DEMAND

Novelties sold yesterday better than ever before. Staple lines were almost forgotten, because those who hung back until the last minute were at wit's end, and picked up the first thing at hand. The sales in these lines all along Broad Street yesterday fully equaled the total for the past two weeks, much to the gratification of the dealers, who had stocked up heavily in that class of goods, and feared that the big stocks would have to be carried over another year.

Broad Street was filled with noisy, holiday-induced persons. The blast of the tin horn, the nerve-racking rattle and other inharmonious sound-producers and ear-splitting devices made their appearance in the early afternoon, and increased in volume towards dusk, when the homeward crush began. After dark had settled red lights began to splutter in the damp atmosphere, and the pop of "baby wakers" proclaimed that Christmas Eve was here at last. Towards 8 o'clock the crowds began to thicken again, and for several hours the big thoroughfare was owned by the merry-makers.

Major Werner as a precaution had a uniformed officer on every block, and in the more congested districts two or more worked to the block. All big corners were guarded by traffic officers, and plain clothes men mingled with the crowds to keep the noisier spirits within bounds. In spite of the occasion, few cases of disorder were reported.

Motorman Is Dismissed.

Justice Crutchfield yesterday dismissed the case against J. G. Bradley, motorman of the First Street car which ran down William Yarbrough on November 20, inflicting injuries which later caused the man's death. The evidence was to the effect that the accident was unavoidable. Yarbrough was a native of Gold Harbor, Va., and remained at a local hospital several days before he was identified.

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